

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Realisation of Excise Duty In Maharashtra

6082. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty realised during 1990-91 and 1991-92 in Maharashtra;

(b) the targets fixed in this regard;

(c) the amount outstanding so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for its realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) As per departmental records, the revenue realised from excise duty (exclusive of cesses not administered by the Department of Revenue) from the collectorates falling in Maharashtra during 1990-91 and April, 1991-February, 1992 are estimated to be Rs. 7205.56 crores and Rs. 7106.11 crores respectively.

(b) State-wise targets are not fixed.

(c) and (d). In view of (b) above, do not arise.

[English]

Smuggling of Polyester Yarn at Indo-Pak border

6083. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale smuggling of polyester yarn across the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof during the last two years, till date; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Available intelligence and seizure reports do not indicate large scale smuggling of polyester yarn across the Indo-Pak border.

(b) The details of synthetic fibres and yarns, including polyester yarn, seized across Indo-Pak border are as under:

Year	Value of synthetic fibres & yarn seized
1990	Rs. 9 lakhs
1991	Rs. 23.66 lakhs
1992*	Rs. 1,800/- (upto February)

*Provisional

(c) Indo-Pak border continues to be sensitive to smuggling. In order to combat such smuggling, anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the Customs presence has been intensified and the Customs presence has been reinforced recently by the creation of two Sub-Collectorates exclusively for anti-smuggling work with Headquarters at Amritsar and Jodhpur in the Punjab and Rajasthan sectors respectively. More than 60% of the border in the Punjab sector has been fenced with barbed wire and charged with high voltage electric current in order to restrict any border crossing. During the night

and odd hours, curfew is being imposed in the border areas of Punjab with Pakistan whenever felt necessary. Close co-ordination is also being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling such Border Security Force, Customs and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

Tea Plantations in Dehradun

6084. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the production of tea in Dehradun has adversely been affected due to various factors;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to preserve these tea gardens;

(c) whether the Government are also aware of the suitability of the ladder shaped fields in Garhwal region for production and development of tea plantation; and

(d) if so, the measures Government have taken or propose to take to promote tea plantation in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to a Techno-Economic Survey^{*} of the Doon Valley tea industry undertaken by the Tea Board in 1989, the factors contributing to decline in tea production in Dehradun include Conversion of tea area into residential plots, lack of interest for development by tea garden owners, acquisition/requisition of land by various authorities, fragmentation of holdings change of weather conditions owing to massive deforestation and lack of irrigation facilities.

(b) According to the surveys carried out in the past the scope of extending tea plantations in Doon Valley is limited. Emphasis, is, however, being given for replantation and rejuvenation of low yielding tea areas in the existing tea estates. Tea Board has set up a tea nursery in one of the working tea estates in Dehradun.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Crisis in Spinning Mills in Orissa

6085. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of the spinning mills in Orissa are facing crises and some of them are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them viable; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government have taken a number of measures to revive the mills such as creation of a Nodal Agency/Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to evolve and manage Rehabilitation package for viable mills, setting up of Textile Modernisation Fund to meet the modernisation requirements of the textile mills.